

State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Staff Recommendation for the 2018 Cycle February 28, 2018

School:	Atlanta Heights Charter School
Attendance Zone:	Atlanta Public Schools
Grade Levels:	K-8
Staff Recommendation:	SCSC staff recommends that the renewal petition for Atlanta Heights Charter School be approved by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute a 3-year charter contract for the operation of a state charter school.

Rationale:

Atlanta Heights Charter School (AHCS) met the expectations established by the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF) in the fourth year of its current charter term. Given the improvement AHCS demonstrated during its charter term in meeting academic, financial and operational expectations, the school's performance evidences that the school will likely demonstrate its ability to consistently meet SCSC expectations during a renewed 3-year charter term.

1. Academic Performance

During the fourth year of the current charter term, AHCS outperformed its comparison district (Atlanta Public Schools) in all grade bands served utilizing progress scores as measured by the CCRPI. Additionally, AHCS received a designation of "Beating the Odds" under GaDOE's Beating the Odds analysis. Further, AHCS' achievement and progress scores as measured by the CCRPI and the school's value-added impact scores as measured by the SCSC Value-Value Added model, display improvement over the course of the current charter term.

2. Financial Performance

Atlanta Heights Charter School met standards in three out of four years for which data is available on the Financial portion of the CPF. During the charter term, audits were submitted in a timely manner prior to the deadline and appear to demonstrate the school's ability to adequately manage cash and debt.

3. Operational Compliance

Atlanta Heights Charter School met standards on the Operational portion of the CPF in three out of four years of the charter term for which data is available. On-site monitoring revealed minimal findings and the school has a history of quickly remedying any identified deficiencies.

Link to Petition and Related Materials:

[View the petition for Atlanta Heights Charter School here.](#)
